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Letter dated 17 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions from my Government, I most strongly protest the practice by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to promote the positions of the representatives of the so-called "Republic of Serb Krajina", in the occupied territory of Croatia, in the documents of the General Assembly and the Security Council, and in the press releases of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), distributed on the premises of the United Nations Headquarters.

Most recently, the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia distributed press release promulgating letters from the self-styled "president" and the self-styled "foreign minister" of the so-called "Republic of Serb Krajina" (see releases 13/8 and 15/8 of 15 and 16 August 1994 respectively). The said self-proclaimed officials have carried out hostile activities against Croatia and its citizens, for which some of them must be brought before the International Court of Justice at The Hague. These and other "officials" of the so-called "Republic of Serb Krajina" have publicly voiced positions which represent open attacks against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Croatia.

The promotion of political views of the self-styled leadership in the occupied territories of Croatia is just one in the series of secessionist activities promoted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

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(Serbia and Montenegro) in favour of their proxies in the occupied territories of Croatia. My Government has already informed the Security Council in a letter dated 19 May 1994 (S/1994/595) about other secessionists activities by the self-styled leadership in the occupied territories of Croatia supported by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

Further in this regard, the relevant authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) last month graduated a military officers class, trained in Belgrade, whose members have been assigned to the occupied territories of Croatia, and made plans to open a branch of the Belgrade University, with a curriculum of the Republic of Serbia, in Vukovar, on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, occupied by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

In this way, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) has flagrantly violated the generally accepted principles of international relations and behaviour between States, the Charter of the United Nations, the documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and all relevant Security Council resolutions.

These aforementioned overt acts of uninterrupted active assistance and direct support to the secessionists and separatists in the occupied territories of Croatia, and their policies, are further proof that the Belgrade regime - either directly or through proxies - still behaves as the occupying force on certain parts of the sovereign Croatian territory, and appears to have every intention to continue to do so in the future. These policies become even more ominous in the light of the refusal of the Belgrade authorities to exchange the documents on mutual recognition with neighbouring States as called for in, inter alia, the communiqué of the Group of Seven meeting at Naples.

On a number of occasions, Croatia has pointed out, with grave concern, to the far-reaching negative consequences of such a policy of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) for stability in the region. Despite its assurances to the contrary, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) has interfered, in the most direct and blatant way, into the internal affairs of Croatia, which reserves the right to make appropriate conclusions from such a policy of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

May I request your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under items 71 and 151 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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